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The City of Lemon Grove Prevails in its Defense in Williams v. Arambula trial

Lemon Grove, CA – On Monday, March 6, 2023 a twelve-person jury returned a verdict in favor for the defense of the City of Lemon Grove and former Councilmember Arambula in the Williams v. Arambula trial. After two days of testimony, the jury took a little over one-hour to reach its decision giving the City a long awaited victory.

The jury agreed with the defense through its verdict that Mr. Arambula was acting in self-defense at the time of the altercation between him and former mayoral candidate Chris Williams. The jury also agreed with the defense by finding that Mr. Arambula was not acting in his capacity as a City Councilmember at the time of the incident.

“The City has always contended the meeting was not related to City business and that the former Councilmember was not acting in his official capacity at the time,” explained City Manager Lydia Romero. “Mr. Arambula’s defense did a superb job of showing the jury that Mr. Arambula was acting in self-defense and the City is thankful for the time and commitment of the jury to the furtherance of justice,” stated Romero.

The Williams v. Arambula suit was filed in court in 2017. The plaintiff was represented by Cory Briggs of the Briggs Law Corporation; the City was represented by Kimberly Oberrecht of Horton, Oberrecht & Kirkpatrick and former Councilmember Arambula was represented by Kathryn Lee-Colgan and Emily Straub from the Tyson Mendes law firm.

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